

Hancock Department

MONEY ORDERS TO EUROPE REFUSED

Marked Advance of Bankers' Exchange Results in New Order

International postal money orders may now be refused by postoffices in this country, in the discretion of the postmasters, owing to the marked advance of bankers' exchange, due to the European war situation, according to an order received at the Hancock postoffice yesterday. The local offices of the Wells, Fargo Express company has been notified to discontinue the issuance of international orders and travelers' cheques for use in Europe have been withdrawn from sale.

The letter received by Postmaster Holland follows: "The treaties concluded by the United States with foreign countries give each postal administration power to suspend, temporarily, the exchange of money orders in case the course of exchange, or any other circumstance should give rise to abuses, or cause detriment to the postal revenue."

"The sudden and extraordinary advance in bankers' exchange due to the public apprehension of a general European war may lead to abuses of the money order system, because of the much lower rates of conversion obtainable at postoffices."

"In these unusual circumstances, and until the return of normal conditions, postmasters may decline to accept applications for international money orders, when made for unusually large sums, and when there is reason to believe the orders are wanted for speculative purposes. In every such case, however, immediate report of the facts should be made to the office of the third assistant postmaster-general, division of money orders."

Order for Rural Carriers.
Postmaster Holland is also in receipt of an order from Postmaster General Burleson, which states that "on and after July 1, 1914, the compensation of rural carriers shall be based upon the length of routes and the number of pieces and the weight of mail carried as shown by the records of the department and their rates of pay shall be computed on and fixed according to a schedule from \$4.80 to \$12.00 per year."

"An increase or decrease of \$12 per annum shall be made for each 1,000 pieces and for each 100 pounds, respectively, greater or less than the schedule and an allowance of \$12 per annum shall be made for each closed pouch or closed sack of mail carried per day and for each full mile of route served in excess of twenty-five miles in length."

"Provided, that no carrier shall be reduced in present compensation because of this order and that \$12.00 per annum shall be the maximum salary."

M. E. PASTORS TAKE QUIZ.

Three Copper Country Men Candidates for Conference Recognition.

Revs. Davey, Brechman and Glidden of L'Anse, Baraga and Ontonagon respectively were here yesterday taking the semi-annual examination for conference. The papers will be forwarded to the examiners for inspection and markings.

It is required of Methodist Episcopal ministers that a four-year course be taken with examinations twice a year before they are ordained elders and given a vote in conference. After the second year they are ordained deacons. Revs. Davey and Brechman were ordained deacons at conference a year ago and Rev. Glidden will come up for trial at conference next month. If his markings are satisfactory he is then placed on probation for two years.

Hon. John O. Maxey of L'Anse was a Hancock visitor yesterday.

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GERMANS UNABLE TO CROSS OCEAN

Reservists Who Left Hancock Monday Remain in Chicago

Fifty Hancock German reservists who left Monday night for Chicago to report for service in the Fatherland, may be forced to remain in this country indefinitely, because of the absence of ships to convey them across the Atlantic, according to a Milwaukee dispatch. Thousands of members of the German army have reported from all parts of the United States to the consul in Milwaukee and Chicago but representatives of the German government are in a quandary, awaiting orders from their ambassador for the disposition of the men.

Relative to the situation, the Milwaukee dispatch says:
The German reservists in Milwaukee have been notified to report in writing to the consul at Chicago. Twenty-eight clerks are in the consul's office there, in charge of investigation of reports of men from five states. To prevent fraud, every reservist is investigated before funds are advanced for passage to Germany. It is said that there are some reservists who are appealing for funds with which they intend to have a good time.

Emil Wallber, consular agent in Milwaukee, with offices in the Peerless building, has been besieged with questions from reservists who have been called to arms.

"I have received orders to do nothing but tell those who are liable for service to report to the consul in Chicago," said Mr. Wallber. "Disposition of the men will be made through that office."

"We are having a hard time with our mail. I have received no German mail for a week. I don't know what is becoming of European mail, but suppose it is piling up in New York."

"Amounts totalling nearly \$5,000 were deposited during the last few days in the United States postal money orders by the German, Slavic and Italian people of Milwaukee," said Assistant Postmaster Bird.

Dr. Rudolph Teschan, Swiss consular agent, has received orders to notify all Swiss reservists to report to the Chicago consul.

TO MEET IN CITY PARK.

Missionary Society Alters Plan—Program is Outlined.

The executive committee of the Ladies' Missionary society of the M. E. church has altered its plan to meet in the Electric park on August 12 and instead the Hancock city park has been selected as the site of the gathering. Considerable importance is attached to the meeting because of the report of Mrs. W. E. Marvin, who attended the recent district convention of the society.

The topics outlined for the remaining meetings of the year follow:

August 12 at city park—Lesson topic "Advancement Movements—The Trinity." Central thought—"Whatever he saith unto you do it."
September 5 at home of Mrs. W. E. Marvin. Lesson topic—"Young People and Mission." Central thought—"Today is Shaping Tomorrow."
October 14 at home of Mrs. Fred J. Rundle. Lesson topic—"The Orient—the Frontier." Central thought—"America for Christ."
November 11 at home of Mrs. White. Lesson topic—"Mexicans in the United States." Central thought—"Make disciples of all the nations."
December at home of Mrs. Chase. Lesson topic—"Review for the Year—Looking Forward." Central thought—"The past and future meet in the eternal now."

TO PUBLISH FARM PAPER.

Finnish Lutheran Book Concern To Print Agricultural Issue.

Announcement was made this morning that the Finnish Lutheran Book concern will, in the near future, publish a paper to be known as the "Farmer's Friend." This will be an agricultural issue for the benefit of the farmers of this district. It will contain advice to farmers, relative to the most scientific methods of planting.

The fact that an agricultural paper is to be published for local distribution should boost the copper country. The paper will contain statistics relative to the work done on local farms and other farmers, in reading these reports, will become interested in the district and probably decide to locate here.

COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Hancock city council will be held tonight when the street improvement problem will again be considered. A report of Street Commissioner Hosking in regard to the progress on Elevation street will be received and the water question probably will be another of the leading issues.

Miss Bridget Ongie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ongie of Ripley, and Eugene Willett were married yesterday at St. Patrick's church. Rev. Fr. Atfield performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by Miss Nettie Ongie and Fred Willett, sister and brother respectively, of the bride and bridegroom.

Arrangements have been made by the Men's association of the Hancock Congregational church for a beach supper and "moonlight" at the Canal next Friday evening. The steamer Plowboy will leave Houghton at 5:15 p. m. and, returning, leave the Canal about 9.

ADDITIONAL HOUGHTON LAKE TRAFFIC NEARLY NORMAL

U. S. Engineers Report Shows Shipping Is Increasing

U. S. Engineer George H. Banks has issued the July report of vessels and tonnage passing through the Portage Lake ship canal. The report shows that traffic is gradually becoming as large as it has been in former years. The principal excerpts of the report follow:

Bound up—Steam, 246; tow barges, 16; total tonnage, 241,700.
Bound down—Steam, 197; tow barges, 12; total tonnage, 144,958.
Total number of vessels, 465; total tonnage, 386,757.
Statement of freight and passengers carried through the canal during the month:

Bound up—
Coal, soft, tons 187,471
Coal, hard, tons 12,648
Copper, tons 799
Manitowish, iron, tons 15,972
Limestone, tons 1,496
Sand, tons 859
Coke, tons 546
Cement, blbls. 44,259
Salt, blbls. 4,179
Oils, blbls. 4,129
Lumber, M. 567
Misc. Mde, tons 20,737
Total cargo, tons 251,701
Passengers, No. 10,720

Bound down—
Copper, tons 7,458
Stamp sand, tons 3,000
Flour, blbls. 387,760
Wheat, bush. 85,000
Barley, bush. 20,189
Oats, bush. 115,969
Corn, bush. 38,000
Flax, bush. 109,000
Lumber, M. 12,755
Shingles, M. 38,550
Pulpwood, cords 800
Misc. Mde, tons 590
Total cargo, tons 86,018
Passengers, No. 10,643
During July of 1913, 308 vessels passed through Portage Lake and the total tonnage was 311,629 tons and in June, 1914, 299 vessels with a total tonnage of 274,691 tons passed through.

CHARLTON MAY GO FREE.

Authorities Suggest Delay of Trial Is Better for Him.

Rome, Aug. 5.—The presence here of ex-Judge John Palmeri has revived interest in the Coma murder for which Porter Charlton is awaiting trial. Mr. Palmeri will be Charlton's chief counsel and is using his influence to get the trial hastened, which is the wish of Charlton and his father.

The authorities, however, say that the longer the trial is postponed the better chance the prisoner has of acquittal or of a sentence, covering the time of detention thereby obtaining an immediate liberation.

HANCOCK BREVITIES.

Mrs. Walter Curley of Negaunee is visiting in Hancock.

Mrs. John Sands and Mrs. John McLean of L'Anse were Hancock visitors yesterday.

Mrs. Nina Drake and Miss Mary Wagt of Marquette are visiting at the Truscott home.

Mrs. W. S. MacDonald of Ontonagon is visiting her sister, Mrs. Alice Wynnis of this city.

Mrs. W. Frank James and children are home from a several weeks' visit at Sault Ste. Marie.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Congregational church met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. James H. Gillespie on Church street.

Attorney Walter S. Baer has returned to his home in Chicago. He was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Baer.

Fred Dickinson has purchased the Queen theater from Herman Stark and is arranging to make extensive alterations to the little playhouse.

The baseball nine representing the Hancock Congregational Sunday school will play the Y. M. C. A. team of Quincy on the Franklin diamond this evening.

Eneas McAuley has returned from Washington, D. C., where he visited on his way back from Norfolk, Va., where he attended the national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Ed Lester arrived from Oregon yesterday to join Mrs. Lester and daughter, who have been in the copper country for three weeks. Mr. Lester was formerly in the employ of the Copper Range railroad.

Justice Funkey yesterday bound over to the next term of circuit court Adam Sonowski, who was arrested a week ago on a charge of violating the liquor laws. The specific charge is selling liquor without a license. Testimony was signed by the witnesses yesterday, the examination having been held last week.

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